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SUBJ: CIVAIR: PRECLEARANCE

1. SENIOR AIR CANADA OFFICIAL INVOLVED WITH PRECLEARANCE ARRANGEMENTS HAS INFORMALLY TOLD INS INSPECTOR AT MONTREAL AIRPORT THAT AIR CANADA WILL NOT INSIST ON PRECLEARANCE FOR ITS FLIGHTS BEGINNING OCTOBER 27. OFFICIAL INDICATED THEY NOW THINKING OF DECEMBER 1 DEADLINE.
2. AIR CANADA, DELTA AND EASTERN HAVE REACHED TENTATIVE AGREEMENT THAT COSTS FOR PHYSICAL ALTERNATIONS HERE TO ESTABLISH CENTRAL US CUSTOMS INSPECTION LOCATION WILL BE BORNE TWO-THIRDS BY AIR CANADA, ONE-THIRD BY AMERICAN CARRIERS.
3. AIR CANADA IS STRONGLY OPPOSED TO OVERTIME FOR INSPECTORS (WHICH CARRIERS PAY), AND WILL PUSH HARD TO HAVE SUFFICIENT NUMBERS ASSIGNED HERE AND TORONTO TO AVOID THAT POSSIBILITY. THERE HAVE ALSO BEEN SIGNIFICANT RECENT INCREASES IN PASSENGER VOLUMES HERE, AND WE UNDERSTAND SAME OCCURRING AT TORONTO. ROUGH ESTIMATES OF TOTAL PERSONNEL REQUIRED TO STAFF MONTREAL AND TORONTO ONE AND TWO AND ALSO AVOID OVERTIME SUGGEST TOTALS OF AROUND 14 INS HERE,
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21 IN TORONTO, AND APPROXIMATELY DOUBLE THOSE FIGURES FOR CUSTOMS.

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